

Delaware Report Card seeks feedback to help families access more meaningful education data

The Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) is hosting Community Conversations in October to gain feedback on the elements, priorities, and common terminology it plans to include on its upcoming Report Card website. Delaware's Report Card will refine how DDOE communicates with families and the community its progress, performance, and programs in Delaware education, and replaces the state's current [School Profiles](#) site for accessing education data.



“The Delaware Report Card will help families and the community access data in a more meaningful way so that we’re all making informed decisions based on the same information,” said Secretary of Education Dr. Susan Bunting. “We need people to attend the Community Conversations and provide constructive feedback. The Report Card has the potential to become a valuable tool that truly engages the public and consequently improves Delaware’s education system.”

Delaware’s Report Card will re-design School Profiles to provide families and the community with more comprehensive education data at the state, district, charter school

and school levels. DDOE has focused the initial redesign on defining which data to present and how to make the data easier to digest. Research shows that with increased access to meaningful data, parents, community members and other stakeholders become better prepared to engage in public education decisions.

Delaware will work on the Report Card design through the 2017-2018 school year. October's Community Conversations are the first step in the public feedback process. In early 2018, the Department will ask the community to come together again to provide additional feedback on how the Report Card will visually represent data and on the site's navigation design. Delaware is federally required to publish its Report Card by December 31, 2018.

The Delaware Report Card is part of Delaware's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan, which was [approved by the U.S. Department of Education](#) in August. The items listed on the Report Card are required either federally, by the state, or are part of the [Delaware School Success Framework \(DSSF\)](#) system, which is Delaware's system to measure and publicly report on multiple areas of school success.

The public is invited to join any of the Community Conversations events below. Please RSVP at <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/reportcard>. For questions or comments, contact Delaware.ReportCard@doe.k12.de.us.

Community Conversations:

- Monday, October 9, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Beacon Middle School Cafeteria, Cape Henlopen School District

- Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Warner Elementary School Library, Red Clay Consolidated School District

- Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Dover High School Cafeteria, Capital School District

- Monday, October 23, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – MOT Charter High School Cafeteria MOT Charter School

- Tuesday, October 24, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Laurel Middle High School Cafeteria Laurel School District